

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. MICHAEL VICKI

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today a three count Indictment, charging Michael Vicki, age 24, of Niagara Falls, with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(3), carrying a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both, as well as two misdemeanor counts of unlawful possession of controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 844(a), each of which carries a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jorge S. deRosas stated that the Indictment charges the defendant Michael Vicki with possessing a Mossberg, Model 500a, 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number R213299, while also in possession of cocaine and a number of pills containing dextropropoxyphene, for which he did not have a prescription.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Chella, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Smith.

The evidence was presented to the Grand Jury by Jorge S. deRosas, Assistant United States Attorney, who will handle the trial of the case.

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